

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 2008**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Dave Lopeman	Chairman (<i>arr. at 9:26 a.m., absent 12 – 4pm</i>)
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman (<i>arrived at 9:20 a.m.</i>)
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer
Misti Saenz-Garcia	1st Council Member
Marcella Castro	2nd Council Member (<i>absent</i>)
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon (*absent*)

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Vince Henry called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vince Henry moved to approve the September 11, 2008 Council agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council agreed by consensus to make a revision to the approved August 14, 2008 Council Minutes.

Vince Henry moved to approve the August 28, 2008 Council Minutes as amended. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Lopeman added that Kelly and Chuck Dahman would like to come in at the end of the day and discuss their property. Council will meet with them and discuss options.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

September 16-18: National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators Conference, Tulalip. Arnold, Marcella, Charlene, Russell, Misti will attend. (*Charlene and Marcella cancelled*)

September 22-25: ATNI Annual Conference, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla. Misti, Marcella, Charlene and Ray will attend.

September 29: Dinner with Olympia City Council, 5:30 at the Casino.

October 3-5: Basket Weavers Conference, Quinault Beach Resort. Charlene and Misti will attend.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS (*continued*)

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November 18-19: Tribal Self-Governance Strategy Session, Phoenix, AZ. Misti, Marcella and Charlene will attend.

January 17-21, 2009: Presidential Inauguration, Washington DC. Dave, Russell, Vince, Charlene, Misti, Ray will attend.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council discussed the second Council Meeting date in September. It was decided that the meeting will be cancelled due to travel schedules. If an emergency comes up a phone poll can be conducted.

Misti brought up the December per capita payment. Arnold would like to see the amount doubled since December is a hard month financially for everybody. Ray stated that he will need to review the tax reserve and report back to Council. Russell suggested that Council increase per capita payments only once each year so it doesn't take away from governmental programs. Arnold would like to see Island Enterprises contribute more towards per capita. Council directed Ray to discuss with Bob Whitener, Jr. and share that IEI needs to increase their share of the per capita.

Ray reminded Council that if they have specific questions pertaining to Island Enterprises to let him know, and he will prepare Bob Whitener, Jr. to answer specific questions at the regular Wednesday meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Basketweavers Conference: Council requested that all who attend the conference this year will be required to donate an item for the 2012 Canoe Journey give-away, and to participate and help with a weaving class at the Tribe. If an individual who attends does not participate and donate they will be unable to be included next time. Next year, Charlene would like to see interested individuals submit something in writing explaining why they would like to attend the conference. Charlene Krise moved to sponsor fifteen (15) attendees with a lottery drawing from the list of interested tribal members. Misti Saenz-Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and (0) against. Council agreed by consensus to send tribal members only.

Charlene stated that the Museum will establish a monthly basket group meeting. Those individuals who are not selected in the lottery drawing will be encouraged to submit a One Percent Application to help with expenses.

Vince Henry shared that he would rather see everyone on the list attend on Council's expense. Charlene would like to see everyone attending sign a contract stating they will participate in teaching a class and donate a piece for a gift. Council agreed by consensus to send everybody who has already signed up and a contract will be signed stating all attendees will give something back to the tribe. Next year Council will fund fifteen (15) tribal members only. Misti emphasized that she is against sending non-natives on Council's expense.

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No action taken.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian Thompson provided a brief update on Housing. Ray would like to schedule a block of time for Council to discuss the loan program with Brian.

Brian reported that his staff has been working on responses to questions asked during the Housing/Council Meeting. He will provide a draft for Council's review and comment; it will then be published in the Klah-Che-Min.

Brian provided a brief update on the hiring status of the Housing Compliance Officer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Political Donation: Council agreed by consensus for the Chairman to sign a letter stating the tribe's support and endorsement for Candidate Barack Obama along with a donation of \$500.

Housing Report: Ray provided a weekly empty housing unit report.

Tribal Member request: Ray provided a letter from tribal member Jasmine Nelson requesting assistance; she is currently out of town for medical reasons and will return the end of November. She is unable to pay rent on her house on the reservation. Council agreed by consensus to waive her rent for the months she is away if there is not a grant able to help. Council requested that Whitney research the TANF Program to see about funding to assist her with living expenses.

Arnold Cooper requested on behalf of Marcella Castro a donation of sick leave. Ray stated that Human Resources can initiate this request. Council agreed by consensus to gift her with \$500 to aid with her expenses while her son is hospitalized in Seattle. The gift will be in the form of a \$500 gas voucher from KTP.

Cemetery update: Ray reported that Cultural Resources is ready to begin signing tribal members up for plots. Council agreed by consensus to move forward and allow families to sign up requesting plot locations. Ray handed out a plot plan for the cemetery.

Evergreen State College Reservation based program: Misti Saenz-Garcia, Whitney Jones, Kim Cooper and Walt Archer have created an ad-hoc committee that will research the feasibility of a four year program here at Squaxin.

Veterans Memorial update: Ray updated on the addition and fixing of paddles in the memorial.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Property update: Ray reported that the recent property purchase has closed and he is seeking direction on how to rent the property short term for upkeep, until Council decides what to do with the piece. Dave would like the rental price to be comparable with the area, but reasonable. Charlene

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would like to look in to emergency housing. Ray will come up with options and definitions for transition housing and emergency housing. Council directed Ray to explore emergency housing and will present at the next meeting.

Ray provided another property update. Council approved Ray to meet with the owner and discuss pricing and options.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Sally Brownfield came with a request for Council to sponsor a reception at the National Indian Education Association Conference this year, October 24th in Seattle. Council asked her to work with Ray in filling out a One Percent Application.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Andy Whitener, Jeff Dickison and Jim Peters presented an update on the Culvert Case.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

Dentist update: Ray reported that he recently met with HHS Director Ed Fox and Dentist, Michelle Wiley. They discussed expectations regarding patient services. He updated on Kamilche Dental and Squaxin Dental services.

Arcadia update: Ray reported that Chuck Bloomfield has been contracted for improvements at Arcadia Point; the parking lot is prepared and ready for gravel.

Tribal Liaison Position: Sue Henry declined the appointment. Council agreed by consensus to appoint Will Penn for this position. The Little Creek Oversight Board will meet with him and discuss expectations.

Ray handed out a memo for Council signature which changes their status to half time exempt. This is a result of the work spent pertaining to treaty rights.

ISLAND ENTERPRISES

Council went in to executive session. No action taken.

There being no further business the September 11, 2008 Council Meeting adjourned.